

# ESSAY CONTEST

## Hoosier Heroines: Who is Yours and Why?

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*Students in grades 6 – 9, tell us about your Hoosier Heroine for a chance to visit the Indiana Statehouse as a special guest of First Lady Karen Pence and Indiana's female statewide office holders.*



***First Lady Karen Pence***



***Lt. Governor  
Sue Ellspermann***



***Secretary of State  
Connie Lawson***



***Superintendent of  
Public Instruction  
Glenda Ritz***



***Auditor  
Suzanne Crouch***

## **Contest Details:**

**Question:** Who is your Hoosier Heroine and Why?

### **Guidelines:**

- Your 500 to 700 word essay should be typed in Times New Roman 12 pt. font, formatted with 1" margins and double spaced.
- In addition to your essay, you must also submit the completed cover sheet and signed consent form. Both documents are included in this packet.

### **Electronic Submission:**

- To submit an essay electronically, documents must be in Adobe PDF format. This Essay Submission Kit is in Adobe PDF format. The cover sheet and consent form both have interactive or "writable" capability. That means you can type your information directly onto the PDF forms from your computer. However, you will need to download the "consent and release" form for student and parent/guardian signatures.
- Your submission should be emailed to this address: [idoaspecialevents@idoa.in.gov](mailto:idoaspecialevents@idoa.in.gov). The subject line of the email should follow this format: Hoosier Heroines essay, student's name, student's grade level.

### **Winners:**

- One winner from each participating grade level (grades 6-9) will be selected. Winning essays will be chosen by the following offices:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Lt. Governor
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Secretary of State
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Auditor
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Superintendent of Public Instruction

### **Timeline:**

- February 21, 2014: Essay Submission Deadline
- March 12, 2014: Essay Winners Notified
- March 26, 2014: Essay Winners Awards Program at the Indiana Statehouse

***Each submission must be accompanied by this completed form.  
Teachers may reproduce this page as needed.***

**Student Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School City, State, ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-mail  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of woman you are writing about: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of essay: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBMISSION BY EMAIL: [idoaspecialevents@idoa.in.gov](mailto:idoaspecialevents@idoa.in.gov)

***Essays must be submitted by Friday, February 21, 2014***

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## CONSENT AND RELEASE

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**If you do not complete and submit this release: Use of your essay or the name and school name of its author will not be permitted on the Internet or for any other purposes.**

**A signed copy of this release must be electronically submitted with the essay and cover sheet.**

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Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Indiana's First Lady and Female Statewide Office Holders:**



### **First Lady Karen Pence**

Bio: <http://www.in.gov/gov/firstlady/index.htm>

Hoosier Heroine: Ruth Lilly

Ruth was the heiress to the Lilly fortune. Her grandfather was Eli Lilly, who built the Eli Lilly pharmaceutical company. I am always humbled to see people of means who choose to give their fortunes away to benefit others. Ruth Lilly inspires me as I endeavor to choose wisely as I award grants and scholarships from the Indiana First Lady's Charitable Foundation. Ruth gave to organizations that benefited health care, health education, youth, historic preservation, the arts, and poetry. Her estate also donated \$8 million to the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy. Her legacy will live on teaching others to give back.



### **Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann**

Bio: <http://www.in.gov/lq/2347.htm>

Hoosier Heroines: The Sisters of Benedict of Ferdinand

This community of religious women came to Indiana from Germany in 1867 at the request of the growing Catholic community to teach in the schools to a predominantly German immigrant population. They grew their convent into now the second largest Benedictine monastery in the country. Their legacy includes a girls' high school, a teachers' college, a hospital and many other ministries. They were women leaders at a time before the women's movement and equal opportunity had a name. And, most importantly, they led with grace and humility in the service of others.



### **Secretary of State Connie Lawson**

Bio: <http://www.in.gov/sos/2363.htm>

Hoosier Heroine: Her mother

I most admire my mother who has raised 8 children, worked as a nurse, served as a missionary for several years in Indonesia and completed several smaller mission trips to Afghanistan, Haiti and other countries as well as traveled to Indian reservations. Her selfless giving of her time and talents to make the world a better place has inspired me to help others through public service.



### **Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz**

Bio: <http://www.doe.in.gov/idoesuperintendent>

Hoosier Heroine: Madam C.J. Walker

I have always looked up to Madam C.J. Walker. Not only was she a hardworking and innovative businesswoman, she also generously gave back to her community. She was an advocate for education and fought to end prejudice, all while growing her business, and I am proud to call her my Hoosier Heroine.



### **Auditor Suzanne Crouch**

Bio: <http://www.in.gov/auditor/2346.htm>

Hoosier Heroine: Karen Pence

Karen Pence is a true Hoosier Woman Hero. As a wife, mother and teacher Karen sets an example, every day, for young men and women across our great state. By educating and volunteering to improve the lives of Hoosier children, Karen is creating a brighter future for the state of Indiana.